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### MEETING

The MAY MEETING will be held.

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1985 On:

at:

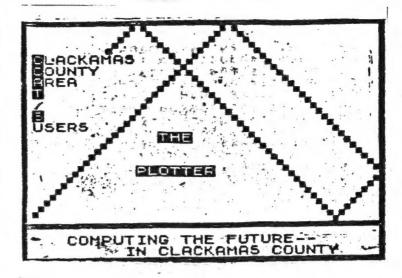
in:

7:30 P.N.
COMMUNITY ROOM
FAR WEST FED S & L
OREGON CITY SHOPPING CTR

We hope to see all of you there. There will be a lot of things to things to see and hear about.

SURE TO COME BRING A FRIEND! YOU ALWAYS PICK UP USEFUL INFORMATION!!

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## 222222222222222222 MEETING

AT THE MAY MEETING THERE WILL BE SEVERAL THINGS OF INTEREST TO ALL WHO ATTEND.

DENNIS JURRIES WILL HAVE HIS XY PLOTTER.

ROD GOUEN WILL HAVE THE DUAL DRIVE A & J WITH THE NEW PAR-ALLEL I/F AND PRINTER. ALSO THE ALLEL I/F AND PRINTER. ALSO GESSO EPROM PROGRAMMER WILL THERE. IT WILL NOT BE OPERATING YET, BUT IT WILL BE OPERATING BY THE JUNE MEETING.

DICK WAGNER ALWAYS HAS SOMETHING TO SEE, AND THERE MAY BE OTHERS THERE AS WELL.

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# FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S COMPUTER --

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#### DICK WAGNER

The April meeting was the best far this year. Members who were not able to attend missed a by member Dennis Jurries talk about the manufacture of silicon wafers. As this material is the key to miniturization of computers and the demise of vacuum tubes in the computer industry, we were fortunate to have a We first hand discussion of this

important material. New products for our computers are rather mind boggling and now we have CHOICES in many products in place of wondering if there will be any backup for our machines. Every meeting missed may just be the one where something you have been waiting for might be discussed. Moral-try to

every meeting. As Tom Bent, Editor of Sync-Ware news, so aptly puts "When the Speedwagon comes jump on. Dont get left in it, by, dust!"

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### SECRETARY'S

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Our APRIL MEETING was held April 4th, 1985, at 7:30 P.M. in the Community Room of Far West Federal Savings and Loan, in the Oregon City Shopping Center. We had 24 people attending. Several of them were new to our group. We extend our welcome to them. One was a new member, SID WYNCOOP, welcome to the group SID!!!

After the announcements and the Treasurer's report, we went on to discus the possibility of a group potluck pichic some Sunday this summer. The idea was tabled for the present.

There was some talk anout what new publications we should look into for possible subscriptions. No descision made.

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The EPROM PROGRAMMER was then brought up. Rod Gowen said that GESSO SOFTWARE of Californis was going to send ome to us to see.

There was proposed and passed, a motion that we have no meeting in JULY this year as we did last

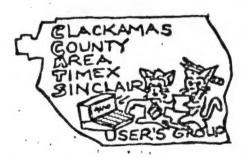
Our newsletter Editor, Rod Gowen, wants a short vacation from The Plotter, so we will have a combined JUNE-JULY-AUGUST issue this year.

We were also up in the air as to our meeting place in the future, but now it looks as though we have a home at Far West as they are not selling.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.N. and we had a nice talk from DENNIS JURRIES on the making of silicon wafers.

There was quite a bit of new things to see. The ROTRONICS things to see. The ROTRONICS WAFADRIVE was there, as was the A & J MICRODRIVE.

That's about all the SECRETS for this time, see you next time.



## \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* INFORMATION!!

Here is a great tip for all TS 2068 owners who are finding that the paint is wearing off the top of the keys on your computer.

Buy a sheet of plastis laminate (like you would put your 55 card or a picture in to protect it)
from any store for about \$2. Cut
pieces to fit the keytops and ОГ peel off the backing and stick them on. You'll be many years trying to wear through that!!

Thanks to L. STRANSKY for this tip.

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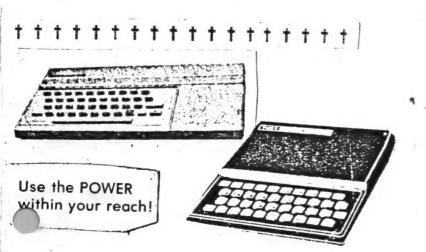
### ############## FROM THE FDITOR'S DESK-&&&&&&&&&

As EDITOR of THE PLOTTER, I take a lot of pride in what I try to do each month for YOU, the members of CCAT/S and readers of this publication. I can only do so much in the time I have to put it together and get it out to you on time. I think that I can safely say that I have one of the best records around for getting this newsletter to you on time and with what usually ends up being a pretty interesting group of articles etc. However, it comes right back to the fact that there are about three or four of us that end up doing all of the work and writing. I was hoping that all of the past editorializing I have done would have done some good, but it hasn't.

At this time I would like to reprint a small piece from the SINCUS NEUSLETTER, VOL. III, #5.

User groups are, for the most part, run by VOLUNTEERS who depend upon help from ALL the other members, be they navice or expert. Whether it's a "Hello", an article or program or a helping hand with the newsletter (paste-up, mailing, printing, etcetc). INPUT is going to keep YOUR User group going. If you just pay dues, YOU AIN'T A MEMBER!!! If you don't vote, help in running the group, or share the load in some way, some day there will not be USER GROUPS, BBS's, NEUSLETTERS, SOFTWARE, BUSINESSES, ETC....

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# BITS and BYTES "##############

There is so much news out there this month that I hardly know where to begin.

Well, I guess I'll just start anywhere. Most of it is GOOD news anyway.

A & J- has sent out the printer I/F kits for the 2000 drive. They are available at any dealer who sells the drives. I have one and they do work.

This company has announced that they are making a change in the 2000 drive in that it will now be using the same wafer as the 1000 drive. This move is to insure their customers that the supply of wafers will be there as they manufacture the 1000 wafers themselves.

RAMEX- as of this writing, still has not shipped their new disk I/F to one of our members who is impatiently waiting.

AERCO- at our last check, had not shipped any of the disk I/F units for the 2068 either.

RESEARCH SERVICE LABS- has a disk I/F available and promises delivery in 4 to 6 weeks of receiving you order. They are building them as you order them. From what we found out by talk-ing to them on the phone, they are very anxious to please. I found the new catalog that they put out to be very clear.

THE SILVER AVENGER- the name given to the Portugese Timex TC 2068 by the English press, may find its way to our shores if the ENGLISH MICRO CONNECTION and BOB DYL can get it working. This info comes to me from several sources. The unit is said to be similar to our 2068 but has the Spectrum edge board on the rear. This is so it can run Sinclair peripherals.

GESSO PRODUCTS - of California, has sent an EPROM PROGRAMMER to RMG Enterprises on approval and will be at the May meeting. If it is approved, the group will be able to program our own.cartridges with up to 16K programs. BOB ORRFELT of GESSO is also working on a manual that will include a complete dissassembly of the 2058 and the SPECTRUN, as well as info on how to get more out of your 2068. We will keep you posted on his progress.

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RADIO SHACK- sold out their \$995 X,Y Plotter for an unbeleivable \$195. At least two of our members, DENNIS JURRIES and DICK UAGNÉR, purchased them to work with. Dennis has his working (see item elsewhere this issue) and will have it at the MAY meeting.

Well, I am going to quit for this time, but I'll be back next time with lots mote news (all good, I hope).

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### PRO/FILE 2068 FOR THE A & J

This month I will explain the four lines that must be altered and show you the actual altere lines before and after to help altered you make the change-over yourself in order to make PROFILE
2068 run on the A & J MICRODRIVE. Aa I said, there are only
four lines to change, two in the LOADER program and two in the primary program.

You must first start the LOADing process by LOAD "". Then, as soon as you see the screen appear that says the program is LOADING please wait, HIT BREAK and STOP THE TAPE. Press the ENTER key and you will see the LOADER PROGRAM on the screes. It will look like the one below. will look like the one below.
Study #1 and #2. Change the
lines to read exactly like #2.
As soon as this is done, put a
new FORMATTED WAFER in your
drive and SAUE the LOADER PROGRAM by using the direct command: "SAUE "@1,pf"LINE 1.
After SAUEing the LOADER, reset
the 2068 (turn it off and back
on) and rewind the tape and on), and rewind the tape and on), and rewind the tape and again LOAD the program, this time do not stop it. As soon as the program is LOADed, you will see the prompt asking if you want to LOAD or CREATE a file. At this time, you will press DELETE to get rid of the left quotes amd then press STOP and ENTER. This will STOP the Program so that you can make the changes.

After you have made the changes to the lines as shown below, you will SAVE the revised program by using GO TO 8000.

There you have it! A microdrive operating version of PROFILE 2068.

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To SAVE files from the program, just remember to use to micro-drive command (i.e.- "@1,file-name) when the prompt asks you for a name for the file that you wish to SAVE.

IMPORTANT NOTE: IF YOU CAN'T READ ANYTHING WHEN YOU STOP THE PROGRAM OR THE LOADER, IT IS BECAUSE THE PAPER AND THE INK ARE THE SAME COLOR. YOU MUST TYPE IN THE COMMAND: "INK 7" AND PRESS ENTER TWICE. THEN YOU CAN READ THE LISTING.

#### LISTING @1

1 BORDER 0 2 PAPER 0

2 PAPER 0

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#### LISTING @2

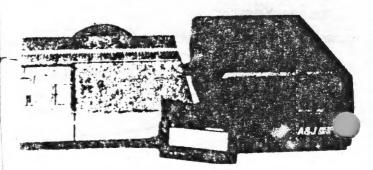
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50 LOAD "@pro" 50 LOAD "@pro"

#### PRIMARY PROGRAM #1

8000>5AVE "p/f"CODE 63488,2046 8010 SAVE "pro/file" LINE 9995

#### PRIMARY PROGRAM #2

8000>5AUE "@2,p/f"CODE 63488,204 8010 SAVE "@3,pro" LINE 9995



A&J MODEL 2000

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### HARDWARE ))))))))))))

A Long Cable For 2040 Printers Dick Wagner

The short cable between in-terface and printer has been a major complaint with the Timex printer. I decided something had to be done to fit the printer into my limited desk space. to be done to fit the printer into my limited desk space. Now I have a 3ft. replacement cable to permit better printer placement. I elected to make a cable replacement because it was easier than making an extension cable between computer and interface. The display of this modification at the April User Group meeting drew many questions of how to do it. This article is an explanation of the steps I use.

Essential tools—Philips screw driver, 27-30 watt soldering iron (no soldering gun!), small diameter resin core solder, wire cutter, solder sucker, needle nose pliers, knife, wire insul-

cutter, solder sucker, needle nose pliers, knife, wire insulation stripper. Most of these can be purchased at Radio Shack. Also a heavy dult point needle, small vise, and 2, 1/4 x 3/4

bolts and nuts.

Material - 7 wire shielded cable, color coded multi-strand wire. I use cable with this identification - E83208 AUM STYLE 2464. The diameter is important, not over 0.225 inch.

Operation - remove 2 screws in Operation - remove 2 screws in the interface base. Note where the machine screw was removed. Disassemble interface and make a sketch of the 8 holes where the cable is soldered. Orient the sketch by showing the IC. Number the holes and tabulate wire colors. Unsolder the cable. Remove excess solder at each hole with solder sucker and be sure holes are clear and there are no holes are clear and there are no solder bridges between pads. Use the needle to help smooth the

the needle to help smooth the solder at hole edges.
Remove the 2 ceramic radio interference tubes from the cable. Do not separate from sponge pad. Measure the length of wires beyond the end of insulation sheath and the length from strain relief bushing to end of sheath. Make a sketch of these dimensions. I use 60 mm to strain relief and 20 mm for wire length.

length.

length.

The printer is next. Remove 4 screws from the base and carefully turn right side up. Separate top from base. Carefully lift strain relief and cable from slot. Lift printer circuit board from base (don't lift by printer mechanism). Bolt the mechanism with 2-1/4x3/4 bolts and nuts at opposite corners. Don't be fooled by the mechanism not appearing to be loose; they will separate before you finish and could cause damage. finish and could cause damage.

Unsolder the wires and clean off excess solder at each hole. Be sure holes are clear. Try a needle at each hole, from the solder side. Twisting the needle may help to clear rough edges.

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Make a sketch of the row with 9 holes where cable is located, plus the ground wire hole. Orient your sketch and number the holes. Make a table of numbers and corresponding wire colors.

Make a sketch of cable relief location and length of wires. I use 48 mm for wire length and strain relief is at the end of insulating sheath.

To remove strain reliefs do this carefully—Use needle nose

insulating sheath.

To remove strain reliefs do this carefully—Use needle nose pliers to compress sides. The sleeve at various locations. The sleeve at various locations. The slotted thin end should slide on the sheath when pushed. Next work the solid end by pint between the sheath when pushed the sheath when point between the grove and end. If necessary slide the needle point between the sheath and strain relief, using great care because the grove has thin walls. For ce the strain relief off with pliers in the groove.

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Cut cable to length for cable strain relief off with a sheath sined to expose the should be sheath sined to expose the sheath sined to expose the shield time shield or. The sheath will ship the shield time to exist each the shield of the conductor. The sheath will being carefull of the conductor. Pose the shield of the choil with a remove about 1/8 inch of inch solation from each wires are in place and nice and tight. Put a shield off. Trim shield wires to expose the shield of the conductor. Remove about 1/8 inch of inch and tight. Put a solation from each wires are in place and nice and tight. Only enough to hold wires to each the room with the ground wire. The colors with the ground wire. The colors with the ground wire. The colors with the ground wire in place of yellow.

Now compare the cable care the colors with the in place of yellow.

Now install strain relief. Note the groove has a flat.

cable I used has white in place of yellow.

Now install strain reliefs. Note the groove has a flat. This will go toward the case half without a cut-out. The interface end has the flat down while the printer end has the flat up. It isn't mandatory but the cable lays better this way. Moisten the sheath and carefully force the strain reliefs into position according to your sketches.

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Solder cable wires in correct holes, being very sure none o f the little wires spread out don't go in the holes. They short adjacent pads. Check little wires spread out and can With a magnifying glass if questionable. Don't any LOOK forget ŤΩ install the 2 ceramic sleeves on the cable that fits the interface before soldering. To assemble the printer, remove the the 2 bolts and place Circuit board On the base . fitting the 4 plastic supports properly with the rubber bush ings. Press cable and strain re-lief in the cable slot, place cover over the base, turn over install 4 screws. ws with fingers an Start and then SCREWS and screw driver.

To assemble interface, be sure To assemble interest dr the 2 ceramic sleeves dr interest with the drop in cable and strain relief. Place bottom cover over the parts, being sure bottom the circuit board and grounding Inspring is properly located. stall machine screw in the end that holds the spring, and the course thread screw in the AD posite corner

Now test for proper operation.

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### FLASH!

Here we have a sample program and the results as printed and plotted(?) on DENNIS JURRIES RADIO SHACK PLOTTER.

Thanks Dennis!!!

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Curve Plot)
10 REM Sample Program (Sine
20 LPRINT "11500,1000"
30 LET dr=ATN (1)/45: LET d=0
40 FOR n=1 TO 2 STEP .5
50 LET r=300
60 FOR 1=0 TO 360 STEP 2
70 LET x=I*3: LET y=INT (r*SIN (I*n*dr))
80 LPRINT "D";x;",";y
90 LET r=r-2: NEXT I: NEXT n
100 LET d$="0": LET x=0
110 LPRINT "MO,-300"
120 FOR 1=1 TO 5
130 LPRINT "M";x;",-350"
140 LPRINT "P";d$
150 LET d=d+90: LET d$=STR$ d: LET x=1*180-50: NEXT 1
160 LPRINT "M-50,-300": LPRINT "X0,150,4"
170 FOR 1=300 TO -300 STEP -150
180 READ d: LPRINT "M-200,";1
190 LPRINT "P";d: NEXT I
192 LPRINT "MO,-300": LPRINT "X1,180,4"
195 STOP
200 DATA 1,.5,0,-.5,-1
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# LIBRARY NOTES <u>എഎഎഎഎഎഎഎഎഎഎ</u>

You may not be aware of it but we have at YOUR disposal and for YOUR use a very large LIBRARY. I know that a lot of you do use it but more of you do not.

We have, this time, at least 18 different NEWSLETTERS arriving each month. As EDITOR of The Plotter, I do my best to glean the best of the current news from each of these, but there are only so many hours in the day and so many days in the at least 18 day and so many days in the after the regular meeting at about 9:00 PM we will meet and 2/3s of them scanned each month. We do try to enter the high-lights of each issue into the INDEX that we now have on tape as they come in, thus keeping a starting this upcomming this upcomming the regular meeting at after the regular meeting at about 9:00 PM we will meet and discuss machine code. Anyone can sit in and listen but only those who meet the following those who meet the followed to conditions will be allowed to INDEX that we now have on tape as they come in, thus keeping a somewhat current list of what is in the LIBRARY. If any of you have PRO/FILE 2068 and would like a copy of the INDEX, just call 655-7484 to see about getting your copy.

We also have a lot of magazines and books available to be checked out.

The also hoping to see our take LIBRARY grow in the 2068 section. We have some programs on tape, but we would like to see more.

IT'S YOUR LIBRARY -- USE IT!!!!

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AN INVERSE PROBLEM-SOLVED!

A SOLUTION TO A 2068 PROBLEM by DICK WAGNER

While COPYing a program, I some-how developed an INVERSE VIDEO condition well into the program. It showed up as inverted after ENTERing each time. Efforts clean up the program seemed futile.

The problem was solved by DEL-ETEing the last good line and a larger numbered lines. The gram was then SAVEd, the program was then SHVEd, the computer was cleared with a NEW and the program was reLOADed. The computer was thus cleared of the lockup, and the program SAVED except for the one good line DELETEd.

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# MACHINE CODE SPECIAL **INTEREST** GROUP

by Dennis Jurries

For quite sometime many of us have talked about starting a machine code special interest group, well this is the time. Starting this upcomming meeting join any discussion.

1. Must have a MC assembler. 2. Must have a MC disassembler 3. Must know how to count and

convert Hex to Binary to Decimal.

4. Must have a general knowledge of opcodes and understanding of same.

The first program we will try writting will be one to color in regular shaped objects. The logic of the writting of such a program may go the following way

The display file starts at address 16384 and ends at 22527. This is for 24 lines with 32 (8) bit blocks per line. The attributes file starts at 3305. address 22528 and ends at 23295.
This is for 24 lines with the last 2\*32 bytes handling the last 2 lines. A good start is last 2 lines. A good start is to search the screen until a location byte is other than 0 in the display file. Decode that byte and change it until every thing from that bit on in the byte is a filled solid. Look at the next byte; if it is zero then change it to 255, and so byte is forh until the next nonzero byte is found. Decode this second forh until the next nonzero byte so that everthing to the right of the bit is filled in. Continue on to the next line and so on. You will have to set up a counter so that you do not go past the display file area. You may also have to change the attributes to change the color. Next draw a circle and check out your program. you do not go past the display file area. You may also have t change the attributes to change the color. Next draw a circle and check out your program.

We will discuss this program approach in the next meeting and then work on the program until the following meeting at which time we will each turn in a copy of the listing of our program opcodes.

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